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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING CELLS)
USING DNA METHYLATION)
PATTERNS)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in this case on December 22, 2004.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. A copy of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated October 19, 2004, is enclosed.

Copies of the listed non-patent literature documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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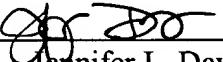
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